

City Council Meeting Packet



March 15, 2016

AGENDA

Norton City Council

March 15, 2016

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation – Rev. Freddie Powers
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes
 1. Meeting of March 1, 2016
5. Audience for Visitors
6. New Business
 - A. Consideration of a Board Appointment Agreement.
 - B. Update on the Establishment of a Line of Credit.
 - C. Update on the Proposed 2016 Norton Business Challenge.
 - D. Update on the Potential Designation of Route 619 as a Virginia Byway.
 - E. A Resolution to Apply for Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water Grant for the Hawthorne Intersection Water System Relocation Project.
 - F. A Resolution Proclaiming the Month of April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

G. Confirmation of a Check(s)/Transfer(s) in Excess of \$100,000.

7. Comments by the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Council.

8. Adjournment.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers with Mayor William Mays presiding.

Present: Mark Caruso, Robert Fultz, Jr., William Mays, Joseph Fawbush and Dee Belcher

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager and Bill Bradshaw, City Attorney

The invocation was given by the City Manager Fred Ramey and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant Russell "Rusty" McReynolds.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by the following vote: YES – Caruso, Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, Mays, NO – None, ABSENT – None, ABSTAIN – None, Council moved to adopt the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting as presented.

During the Mayor's call for visitors, Mr. Bill Harris, Chairman of the Library Art Gallery Board came before Council to request financial support for the Charles W. Harris Exhibit Room located in the Lonesome Pine Regional Library in Wise, Virginia. Mr. Harris advised the gallery does not receive financial support from the library but the library provides cleaning and some maintenance for the gallery. The gallery has one paid part-time staff member who is the gallery director. The gallery provides a quality space for local and regional artists to display and sell their artwork. He stated the board is asking for City funding to continue to provide various programs at the gallery. He advised the Virginia Commission for the Arts will match any funding the City contributes to the gallery through a grant prepared by the Pro-Art Association.

Mayor Mays asked Mr. Harris if there was a timeline for the matching funds.

Mr. Ramey explained the grant Mr. Harris is referring to is the same grant the City recently completed on behalf of the Pro-Art Association which is the Challenge Grant that is due April 1, 2016.

Mayor Mays thanked Mr. Harris and asked him to complete the Request for Funding Form and return to Mr. Ramey as soon as possible.

A public hearing was held on the proposed property tax increase due to an increase in the general reassessment of real property which will increase the equalized real estate tax levy from \$0.764 cents per \$100 of valuation to \$0.90 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Mr. Ramey, via a PowerPoint presentation, advised Council that the real estate tax rate was increased from \$0.80 cents to \$0.90 cents for the FY2016 budget. Council foresaw several years ago that a rate increase might be necessary due to the continued decrease in revenue and the repayment of the \$10 million school debt undertaken in 2009 to renovate Norton Elementary and Middle School (NEMS). Council has made budget cuts, delayed capital projects, and increased revenue through augmentation of the Vehicle License Tax, Personal Property Tax, Cigarette Tax, and other revenue. In July 2016, the first debt payment of \$662,000 on the \$10 million NEMS renovation is due. Once Council sets the

real estate tax levy it will take effect for the real estate taxes due May 2016 and for the FY2017 budget.

There were no comments from Council prior to the public hearing.

At this time, Mayor Mays opened the public hearing.

Walter Crouse, of Wise, Virginia came before Council on behalf of a Wise resident who owns rental property in the City of Norton. Mr. Crouse stated the property owner cleaned up the property and the reassessment of real property had increased the value of the property by 42.5 percent. The proposed tax increase would increase the total property value to 57 percent. Due to current economic conditions the property has set empty. Mr. Crouse advised he had reviewed Wise County's budget and he would like to review the City's budget.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Mays closed the public hearing.

Councilman Caruso stated he is concerned about the impact a tax increase will have on city taxpayers. The City needs revenue but he is not satisfied Council has given careful attention to what these monies should be used for because the City does not have a strategic plan or a vision for the future. He believes Council needs to continue with the development of a strategic plan and a vision to budget the allocation of these monies so he would not vote for the tax increase.

Councilman Fultz advised this responsibility is not to be taken lightly. An important part of Council's responsibility is the determination of taxation and how to spend these monies. Council decided last year to increase the real estate levy to \$0.90 cents per \$100 of valuation but due to the general reassessment the rate had to be equalized. As a result, Council must once again reset the real estate tax rate. When the City was considering the NEMS project several years ago, Councilman Fultz was not on City Council but voiced his opinion as a resident to Council that he would be willing to pay higher taxes to pay for the renovation of NEMS. At that time, the economy was in a better state on every governmental level and Council did not have to increase taxes to pay for the newly incurred school debt. However, the renovation has been done and the payment on the debt is due. As a resident he agreed to pay for the debt and as a Councilman he will not contradict his previous decision as a property owner. In his opinion, Council needs to reaffirm its \$0.90 cent per \$100 of valuation decision from 2015.

Councilwoman Belcher concurred with Councilman Fultz on the debt obligation, stating that she too as a resident agreed to pay higher taxes and is ready to pay for the school debt she agreed to at that time.

Councilman Fawbush concurred with Councilman Fultz and Councilwoman Belcher. He stated the renovation of NEMS was agreed upon and the tax increase should have been done several years ago. The City's fund balance is dropping and capital improvement projects are not being done. The City Manager and Director of Finance Jeff Shupe have done an excellent job cutting the budget. He believes the citizens expect a certain level of service and he does not want that service foregone due to budget issues. During the public hearing on school consolidation 18 citizens spoke with only six of the 18 owning property inside the City of Norton. He believes it is time to increase the City's fund balance and continue moving forward.

Mayor Mays said he wanted to note that an email was sent to Council from resident Tim Cassell urging Council to keep the real estate tax rate at \$0.90 per \$100 of valuation.

Councilman Fultz had the electronic copy of the email from Mr. Cassell and Mayor Mays asked Councilman Fultz to read the correspondence.

Councilman Fultz read the email and then thanked Mr. Ramey and Mr. Shupe for their hard work in finding money through grants to do some capital projects.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by the following roll call vote: YES – Fultz, Fawbush, Belcher, Mays, NO – Caruso, ABSENT – None, Council moved to set the tax rate at \$0.90 cents per \$100 of valuation.

In their packets, Council had one transfer to be confirmed. The transfer was to Norton City Schools dated February 9, 2016, in the amount of \$100,000 to cover accounts payable.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fawbush, seconded by Councilwoman Belcher, and passed by unanimous roll call vote, Council moved to confirm the transfer to Norton City Schools as stated above.

In comments from the City Manager, Mr. Ramey advised that:

Former Councilman and Vice Mayor Dude McElroy passed away and flowers were sent on behalf of City Council and our citizens.

A letter from the Lonesome Pine Regional Library was placed at your desks inviting Council to participate in its National Library Week activities planned for April 10th – 16th. The Parks and Recreation March Calendar of Events have been placed at your desks.

There were no comments from the City Attorney.

There were no comments from City Council.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council



**CITY OF NORTON
CANDIDATES FOR BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES
APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL**

APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT

NAME _____ PHONE: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL: _____
(Street or Box) City State Zip

Board Name: _____

Board Chair: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Norton City Council has reposed special trust and confidence in your ability to represent them on the above mentioned board. Council appreciates your spirit of volunteerism and citizenship in accepting this appointment. Your time and efforts on behalf of the City are greatly appreciated.

By accepting this appointment you agree that unless otherwise required, your appointment is made At-Will and you understand that you could be removed from your appointed position on the board under certain circumstances, including but not limited to, moving outside city limits, poor attendance, recommendation of the board you are appointed to, or actions deemed detrimental to the City of Norton. In addition, you understand that you are a direct representative of the City Council and will seek the advice and consent of Council, through the City Manager, prior to any vote that would directly or indirectly, financially or materially, impact the City or the Council. Your appointment takes effect upon signing this agreement. Thank you again for your service.

_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

Return completed agreement to the **City Manager's Office, By Mail (P. O. Box 618), Hand Delivered (618 Virginia Avenue NW), Norton, VA 24273, Email (cityhall@nortonva.gov), or Fax (Fax No. – 276-679-3510).**



Inter-Office Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager *FR*
CC:
Date: March 10, 2016
Re: Line of Credit

At the February 2, 2016 meeting, City Council, authorized the City Administration and the City's Financial Advisor, Davenport & Company, Inc. to move forward with a Request for Proposals from financial institutions to establish a Line of Credit for the City. At this meeting, I will provide City Council with an update on the Request for Proposals and request authorization to advertise a public hearing to formally consider entering into an agreement with a financial institution to create a Line of Credit.

Thank You.

Invest in yourself, your business dream, and your city Norton Business Challenge - Fact Sheet

The Challenge

The Norton Business Challenge is a competitive process that will award up to \$15,000 in business investment grants and services for new entrepreneurial ventures and existing businesses looking to expand with additional job creation in Norton City Limits.

Sponsored by The City of Norton and Norton IDA, this business training series is an excellent networking and mentorship opportunity. Participants will acquire important skills and receive tools necessary for business success.

At the conclusion of the training sessions participants will submit a written business plan and present their idea to the judges.

The Benefits of Participation

Challengers will have the opportunity to compete for awards packages worth up to \$15,000. Additionally, each participant will develop a deeper understanding of planning for a successful business, be partnered with a mentor and have networking opportunities with other regional entrepreneurs.

Awards

Award packages, including cash for business expenses and valuable business services worth up to \$15,000 will be awarded to qualified winners. Award monies will be given for qualified business expenses once an eligible business is established.

- The awards are non-negotiable & non-transferable.
- Participants must abide by all Awards Guidelines.
- Business proposals will be scored using several criteria – strength of the business plan, experience, match with local needs, etc.
- The decision of the judges is final

Sponsored by

- City of Norton, Virginia
- Norton, Virginia Industrial Development Authority

Coordinating Partners

- People Incorporated of Virginia
- Wise County Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia SBDC
- Holiday Inn of Norton

Regional Initiatives

A number of regional initiatives are a launching point for creating businesses around Southwest Virginia's regional cultural and outdoor assets. Look for ways your business can use these opportunities.

Evening Schedule

Date	Topic Covered
April 7, 2016	Intro to Success Planning
April 14, 2016	Marketing
April 21, 2016	Cash Flow Planning
April 28, 2016	Operations Planning
May 5, 2016	Customer service and Tourism
May 12, 2016	Presentation Night

Other Program Requirements

1. To be eligible, you must have a business or business idea that you want to pursue within 1 year
2. To win one of the competitive awards, you will have to locate your business within the city limits of Norton Virginia
3. State, City, County & Town elected officials/representatives are not eligible to participate.
4. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis with preferences going to competitors in the challenge
5. Classes are open to the public, all participants must pre-register
6. The first 20 participants will receive a free Core Four textbook (\$65 value)

Eligible Business Categories

- Arts and Culture
- Outdoor Recreation
- Value Added Agriculture/Agritourism
- Restaurants and Hospitality
- Technology/Advanced Manufacturing
- Support Services for the above

The Region

This challenge is for businesses that are or will be located in **Norton, Virginia City Limits**

Other Opportunities

Participants may qualify for the Virginia Individual Development Account (VIDA) which offers a 2 to 1 match up to \$4,000 towards starting a business.

How to Find out More

Fred Ramey: (276) 679-1160

fredr@nortonva.org

Natasha Snyder: (276) 619-2215

nsnyder@peopleinc.net

Register @ www.peopleinc.eventbrite.com

NORTON BUSINESS CHALLENGE

THURSDAYS

from April 7 - May 12

6:00 - 8:30 PM

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1051 PARK AVENUE, NW, NORTON, VA

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City of Norton, Virginia

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Norton Industrial Development Authority

Tue, Apr. 5
City Council Meeting

Wed, Apr. 13
Norton Tourism Committee Meeting



NEW COMMUNITY VIDEO AVAILABLE
Through the words of city residents and business owners, a new video about

Norton presents a slice of life in the city. The video is part of a larger project showcasing 17 Southwest Virginia cities and towns to be used by on the MySWVA.org website and at Heartwood.

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WHEN

Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM - Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 8:30 PM (EDT) - [Add to Calendar](#)

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How to Sell on Ebay & Etsy Workshop-Haysi

Haysi Town Hall

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THU, MAR 31 10:00 AM

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Scenic drive loop would bring attention to natural treasures

ROBERT SORRELL | BRISTOL HERALD COURIER | Posted: Thursday, March 3, 2016 9:49 pm

A bill that would designate a scenic driving loop through the Jefferson National Forest of Southwest Virginia could receive the governor's signature in the coming days.

House Bill 41, which passed the House of Delegates in January with a 99-0 vote, received approval from the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday. It's expected to be heard by the full Senate soon. The bill designates portions of state Routes 72 and 619, and U.S. Highway 58 Alternate in the counties of Scott and Wise and the city of Norton as the Thomas Jefferson Scenic Byway Loop.

Wise County Circuit Court Clerk Jack Kennedy, who supports the bill, said being on the uncontested Senate calendar should place the bill on Gov. Terry McAuliffe's desk in a few more days.

The bill's sponsor, Delegate Terry Kilgore, R-Gate City, said Thursday that the primary purpose of the scenic designation is to bring greater attention to the many natural treasures within the loop.

It will "... highlight the beauty of the Jefferson National Forest and the recreational and tourism opportunities in the area, drawing from the millions coming to the Great Smoky Mountains, Asheville or just a weekend getaway from our neighbors in Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky or West Virginia," Kilgore said.

The scenic route would create a loop through the forest, which includes a number of natural and man-made landmarks, said Wise County Administrator Shannon Scott. The High Knob Fire Tower, Devil's Bathtub, Guest River Gorge, Flag Rock, Bark Camp Lake, High Knob Lake and a number of other landmarks and campsites exist along the proposed route.

The designation could also benefit the Spearhead Trails, a popular ATV and motorcycle destination in St. Paul, Scott said.

Route 619, which stretches from Fort Blackmore in Scott County through the National Forest to Norton, currently includes paved and gravel portions. Scott said he believes that renewed interest in the route could allow Scott County to make improvements to the gravel portions of the road.

"It also enhances the quality of life in the area," Scott said.

He explained that it could bring in tourists and jobs to the two communities and surrounding areas, as well as recreational opportunities for residents.

The project has been in the works for more than a year as the two counties have been working with 20 state officials and the Virginia Department of Transportation, Scott said.

If it's approved by the Senate and signed by the governor, Scott said he expects signs to be installed this summer. VDOT would place and maintain the signs along the byway.

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2016 SESSION**HB 41 Thomas Jefferson Scenic Byway Loop; Virginia byway designation.**

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SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

Virginia byway designation. Designates portions of Virginia Route 72, Virginia Route 619, and U.S. Route 58 Alternate in the Counties of Scott and Wise and the City of Norton the "Thomas Jefferson Scenic Byway Loop." Such designations are typically authorized by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

FULL TEXT

11/23/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100149D [pdf](#) | [Impact statement](#)

HISTORY

11/23/15 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/13/16 16100149D

11/23/15 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation

01/15/16 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #2

01/18/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 0-N)

01/19/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (5-Y 0-N)

01/21/16 House: Reported from Transportation (20-Y 0-N)

01/25/16 House: Read first time

01/26/16 House: Read second time and engrossed

01/27/16 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (99-Y 0-N)

01/27/16 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (99-Y 0-N)

01/28/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed

01/28/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

03/02/16 Senate: Reported from Transportation (12-Y 0-N)

03/04/16 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (38-Y 0-N)

03/04/16 Senate: Read third time

03/04/16 Senate: Passed Senate (39-Y 0-N)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, State Route 619 from the City of Norton to Fort Blackmore merits inclusion into the Virginia Byway scenic highway system by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned two points along the State Route 619 corridor contains aesthetic and cultural value near areas of historical, natural or recreational significance within the Jefferson National Forest Clinch Ranger District; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Norton and the contiguous jurisdiction of Wise County seek to promote outdoor recreation of camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, rock climbing, fishing, swimming, bird watching, outdoor photography and other activities connected to Route 619 with the City of Norton and Wise and Scott Counties; and,

WHEREAS, State Route 619 provides important scenic values and diversity of outdoor experiences linking together or providing access to scenic, historic, recreational, cultural, natural and archeological elements and would-be designated elements and would-be designated Virginia Treasures and,

WHEREAS, State Route 619 provides access to three significant regional tourism destinations, the Flag Rock Recreation Area, High Knob Tower, and the Jefferson National Forest Clinch Ranger District; and,

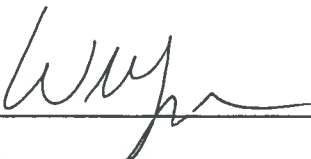
WHEREAS, State Route 619 bypasses major roads or provides opportunities to leave high-speed routes for variety and leisure in motoring into national forest recreational assets; therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Norton City Council respectfully requests prompt action by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board to designate State Route 619 a Virginia Byway for possible subsequent inclusion in the National Scenic Byway System; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be caused to be mailed to Secretary Molly Ward of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the current members of the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board, Virginia's two United States Senators, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ADOPTED this 16th day of June 2015.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Norton has applied for funding for various drinking water projects in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water has funded several drinking water projects in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton's Administration have reviewed project planning material and found that the pre-requirements have been met for submitting a funding application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norton's Council hereby votes to seek additional funding from the Office of Drinking Water for the Hawthorne Intersection Water System Relocation for an amount not to exceed \$300,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Manager or Mayor be authorized to execute any necessary documents related to the funding application for this project.

Adopted this 15th Day of March 2016.

City of Norton

William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Resolution

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Virginians is important to the prosperity and well-being of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should contribute to a safe, nurturing environment to support families raising children; and

WHEREAS effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social services agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and how we can prevent it, because prevention remains the best defense for our children; and

WHEREAS, displaying a pinwheel during the month of April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and neglect and keep children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norton City Council does formally proclaim April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call for this observance to the attention of all our citizens in the City of Norton, Virginia.

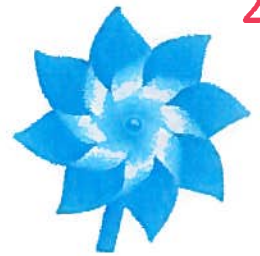
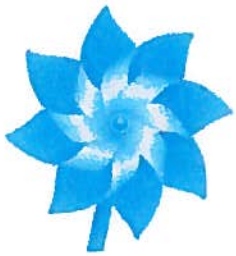
ADOPTED this 15th day of March, 2016.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA

William J. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk



Date: 04/08/2016

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Norton City Hall

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



- **Reading of the Proclamation**
- **Balloon Release**
- **Reception to Follow**



Each year the Social Services across the state helps support and strengthen families and children that are victims of abuse and neglect. Please join us in remembrance of children affected by abuse and neglect.

City of Norton Department of Social Services

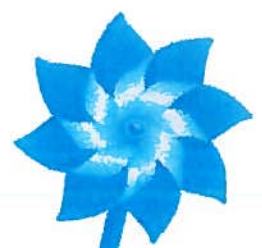
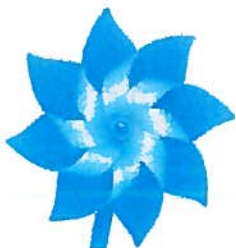
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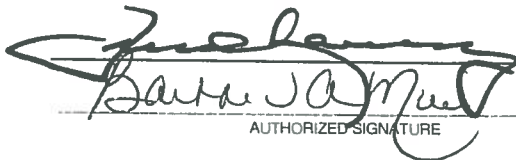
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